

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of: Kam, Kendrick W.) Attorney Docket No. **26592-004US**
Serial No.: **09/836,694**) Group Art Unit: 3694
Filed: April 17, 2001) Examiner: Brian E. Fertig
Title: Internet-Based System for Identification,) Telephone: 571-270-5131
Measurement and Ranking of Investment) Date of E-Filing: July 07, 2008
Portfolio Management, and Operation of a Fund)
Supermarket, including "Best Investor")
Managed Funds)

Response to Final Rejection of May 7, 2008

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Sir:

Introduction:

This is Applicants' Response to the Final Rejection dated May 7, 2008, currently due on August 7, 2008. As this Response is filed within 2 months, prompt entry and review is requested.

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Pursuant to Telephone Interviews with Examiner Fertig on July 2 and 3, 2008, selected Withdrawn claims have been amended to depend from allowable claim 21. Thus, there remain only 81 of the original 126 claims. All other claims, including Withdrawn claims not amended to be dependent from allowable claim 21, have been cancelled. Claims presently pending in this case are: 2 – 4, 6 – 19, 21 – 34, 36 – 52, 55 – 69, 71 – 77, 79 – 81, 83 – 85, 87 - 91 and 126.

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Applicants elect to proceed to prompt allowance of claims, all directly or indirectly dependent from main claim 21, rewritten to include base claims 1 and 20 from which it depends. Withdrawn claims cancelled in this Response, are cancelled in order to speed the issuance of a patent, and **without prejudice to filing one or more Divisional cases to such claims.**

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Fee was originally paid for 126 claims. As there are less claims as a result of this Response, no fee for additional claims is thought due. In the event this is in error, please charge the amount of any excess claims fee due to the Deposit Account of undersigned Counsel, Account 04-1699. Please identify the transaction with our docket number 26592-004US to facilitate tracking and record keeping in Counsel's office.

End of Part 1, Introduction